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Highlights of Homecoming

The annual alumni fall homecoming on October 15 was a most colorful and enjoyable occasion. Despite the rain and threatening weather that prevailed all the week, Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day, and hundreds of alumni and former students came back to the campus for the event.

Beginning with Registration and Coffee in the private dining room of the Student Center from 1 until 3 o'clock, every minute of the afternoon and evening was filled with some type of activity.

Following the open house, the parade, led by President McGinty, Alumni President Webb and Mayor Kees, proceeded from the campus down Second Street through the business section and back to the campus. Directly behind the official car were the NSC Band, the Demonettes, and the Homecoming Queen and her court.

Next came the floats and decorated cars. The floats were perhaps the most spectacular in several years, and the beauty and lavishness of most of them were unprecedented.

Pre-game ceremonies featured the Queen of Homecoming, Queen Kathryn Henry of Lake Charles, and her Royal Maids: Dorothy Tullos of Chatham, Rhetta Strickland of Natchitoches, Mary Maxwell of Delhi, Sarah Jane Wadsworth of Bastrop, Frances Woodall of Shreveport, and Marjorie White of Castor. Also presented were four cheerleaders from Neville High School, Monroe, who led some Demon yells. These young ladies were Pat Wadley, Rita Scalia, Frances Shepard and Betty Maricella.

At the half-time period a colorful demonstration by the Purple and White Band and the Demonettes was followed by the presentation of members of the 1939 untied, undefeated football champions. Twenty-eight members of the original squad were present and received an ovation.

Following the football game the Homecoming Ball, sponsored by the "N Club," was held in the Student Center.

Other activities of the afternoon and evening were the Alumni Unit Clinic, held in Caldwell Hall, and the graduate "N Club" meeting staged at the Natchitoches Country Club.

The only dark cloud on the horizon of the day's activities was the score of the football game. Southeastern Lions defeated the Demons by a score of 25-13.

PRIZE WINNING FLOAT OF PI KAPPA SIGMA

Orchids to the Alumni is the title of this prize-winning float of the Pi Kappa Sigma sorority entered in the parade contest on Homecoming Day, October 15. Other prize winners were Industrial Arts Club (Side Wheeler), second place; Alpha Psi Omega (Delta Eta Cast), third place; Delta Sigma Epsilon (Pink Lady), fourth place; and Theta Sigma Upsilon (Cocktails to the Demons), fifth place.

Rapides Unit To Be Host at L. E. A. Convention

The Rapides Alumni Unit will be host at an Open House and Coffee all day Tuesday, November 22, at the annual convention of the Louisiana Education Association in Alexandria. Mr. Leonard O. Nichols, President of the Rapides Parish Alumni Unit, will be in charge of arrangements for the occasion.

Plans are being made to take care of hundreds of our alumni who will attend the LEA convention, and every alumnus is urged to visit alumni headquarters during the day, meet old friends, have coffee and enjoy himself.

The Open House will be held in the Bolton High School building, headquarters for the LEA. Follow the Purple Arrow to alumni headquarters and bring your friends with you.

Organization of Alumni Units to Continue

The organization of 12 additional alumni units during this year was set as a goal by the Board of Directors at its meeting on September 24.

Parishes tentatively selected for organization of units are Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caldwell, Concordia, East and West Carroll, Jackson, St. Landry, Tensas, Vernon and Winn.

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Fall Registration Totals 1553

The total registration for the fall semester is 1,553 as compared to a total registration of 1,686 last fall. While the registration total indicates a drop of 133 below that of last fall, a loss of approximately 7.9 per cent, it must be remembered that only two parishes in the state had a full complement of seniors in their graduating classes because of the change over to the 12-grade system.

Significant in the loss in enrollment is the fact that last fall there was a total of 580 freshmen compared to a total of only 338 freshmen students this fall, a loss in freshmen of 242. Total registration indicates that the number of men and women students are approximately even this year, while there have been more men than women in the past years since the end of World War II.

1939 DEMON FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED AT HOMECOMING

Pictured above is the undefeated, untied football squad of the 1939 football season, who were special honorees at the Annual Fall Homecoming game Saturday, October 15. Twenty-eight of the 44-man squad were present for the occasion and received recognition at the half-time ceremonies, being presented by Coach H. Lee Prather.

This team, the only one in the history of the College to go through a season untied and undefeated, was coached by Coaches Harry Turpin and Joe Aillet, with Paul (Doc) Marx serving as trainer.

Reading from left to right, the players are: Bottom row, Eddie Schumacher, E. H. Gilson and W. R. Kirkpatrick.

Second row, Hampton Murrell, Roy Gentry, Joe Miciotto, Roland Migues, Parker Wiggins, Edmond Saucier, Travis Kendrick, David Bramlett, Willie Black and Woodrow Miller.

Third row, Frank Eason, John Blalock, E. L. Kelly, Elton Kelly, V. A. Dunham, John Renwick, James Gaspard, Ralph Priest, Willard Jackson, Rupert Boucher and Ted Wright.

Fourth row, C. L. Starnes, Frank Pruitt, Parnell Stockstill, Almond Marron, Jimmie Steen, Bud Simpson, Theron Maddox, Al Subat, Lamar Price, George Martin and P. W. Wright.

Top row, Sam Scurria, Harry Creighton, Charles Kelly, Ernest Wright, Sollie Meyer, Ernest Tyler, Gus Boucher, Pat Nation and James Sweeney.

This team completed an 11-game schedule, piling up a total of 197 points to the opponents' total of 18 points. Eight teams were held scoreless, and three teams scored 6 points each against this great offensive and defensive team of 1939.

FOOTBALL

Demons Win Three—Lose One

The Northwestern State Demons, having played four games of their nine-game schedule, have a record of three wins and one loss following the homecoming game. Two of the three wins were by the slim margin of one point, that all-important point after touchdown.

Central Oklahoma State 6 Demons 7

Meeting Central Oklahoma State for the second time in two seasons on our home grounds, the Demons scored in the first half on a pass from Lancaster to Coyle. Coyle gathered in the pass on the 7-yard line and raced over for the touchdown.

Waging a see-saw battle all over the field for the rest of the game, the Oklahoma Bronchos, late in the fourth quarter, started an offensive drive from their own 30-yard line, and as the game ended Dunaway hit Carmichael on the goal line with a pass for a touchdown. Dunaway failed to kick the extra point and the score stood at 7-6.

Northwest Missouri State 14 Demons 31

After traveling to Maryville, Missouri, the Demons had to come from behind at the end of the half, when they were trailing by a score of 7-14, to snatch victory from the stubborn Bearcats.

Roaring back in the second half, the Demons scored four touchdowns but failed to make any extra points. Buddy Lancaster scored two of the Demons' five touchdowns, and James Turner, David Coyle and Jackie Givens scored one each. The Demons piled up 374 yards from scrimmage while the Bearcats were gaining 174 yards. Final score: Demons 31, Missouri 14.

Louisiana College 6 Demons 7

Fumbles by our backs and the good kicking of Wildcat Lowe kept the Demons bottled up deep in their own territory throughout the first quarter of the Louisiana College Wildcat-Demon game at Alexandria.

Late in the second quarter Nicosia intercepted his second pass and ran the ball back 39 yards. Later, with the ball on the Wildcat 39-yard line, Bateman, aided by a key block thrown by John Ropp, raced 39 yards for a touchdown. Davis kicked the extra point.

A few plays after the kickoff, Spruill intercepted Tanner's pass and went all the way to the Demons' 1-yard line before being tackled. On the next play Cicero drove over for a touchdown. Clark missed the extra point and the score remained 7-6.

Neither team could score during the second half, and the final score remained Demons 7, Wildcats 6.

Southeastern Louisiana College 25 Demons 13

Southeastern won the toss and elected to receive. They fumbled the ball on the return and it was recovered by the Demons. On the first play from scrimmage, Lancaster went through the line, cut away from the secondary and went all the way for a touchdown. Davis kicked the extra point.

Southeastern came roaring back to score two touchdowns and kick one extra point to bring the half time score to 13-7 in their favor.

Early in the third quarter Lancaster broke away for 69 yards and a touchdown. The extra point was not made and the score was tied at 13-13. From that point throughout the remainder of the game Southeastern's offensive play could not be stopped, and the Lions rolled up two more touchdowns but failed to make either of the extra points. Practically 6,000 homecoming fans and students, keenly disappointed, quite naturally, read the final score on the scoreboard: Demons 13, Visitors 25.

Prather Calls Cage Candidates to Practice

Thirty-three candidates answered Coach H. Lee Prather's call for the first basketball practice of the season this week as preparations are getting underway to defend his Gulf States Conference championship crown.

Eight lettermen from last year's squad reporting for the initial workout were Linwood Outz of Minden; Artie Ranew, Tallahassee, Florida; Claude Stoutamire, Tallahassee, Florida; Buddy Bates, Winnfield; Johnny McConathy, Gibsland; Herschel McConathy, Florien; DeWitt Patten, Bossier City; and Jim Willis, Doyline. Missing from last year's squad will be all GSC center, Bernard Waggoner, now coaching at Logansport, and Leslie McConathy, guard, now coaching at St. Joseph.

Several promising looking freshmen have reported for a tryout on the squad including James E. Yergler of Cissna Park, Illinois, who was outstanding on Barksdale Field team last year; Walter and Charlie Powell, brother combination from Florien; Pedro Angel Velez of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and Sammy Booras of Shreveport.

One General Fall Homecoming Proposed

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association with all members present it was brought to the attention of the Board that several alumni throughout the state have made a proposal to eliminate the annual spring homecoming and combine the spring and fall homecomings.

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into one big homecoming to be staged at the time of the fall homecoming football game.

Reasons advanced for the change included the facts that there is a bigger attraction on the campus during the football season and, therefore, will draw a larger crowd and permit a better planned program of events for the day; that there is no attraction in the spring, other than a luncheon, to bring the crowds back to the campus; that a more representative group would be present for the conduct of the business of the association; and that since so many of the alumni are teachers, it is practically impossible for many of them to attend homecoming in May because of the numerous activities just prior to the closing of schools.

Reasons advanced against the change include the facts that the spring homecoming is a tradition existing since the organization of the alumni association; that many will return for the graduation exercises anyway; that many alumni are not interested in football; and that homecoming should not be tied to a football game in order to arouse alumni interest.

This proposal to hold the annual homecoming in the fall would mean that the Constitution would have to be amended to change the time of the meeting and that all business of the association, the election of officers, etc., would take place at the fall meeting.

The Board of Directors took no action on the proposal but would like to get the reactions of the alumni on the proposal. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION of the proposed change?

Space will be given in the *Alumni Columns* to print letters or extracts from letters giving the digest of opinions received. Write in and give everyone the benefit of your thoughts. The Board wishes to do only that which is desired by the alumni and will not propose such an amendment to be voted upon by the association at its meeting next spring unless it feels the proposal meets with the approval of the majority of the alumni and that such a proposed amendment is requested.

ORGANIZATION **(Cont. Page 1)**

Alumni unit organizations already exist in 18 parishes. These are Caddo, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Claiborne, DeSoto, Franklin, Grant, LaSalle, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, Washington and Webster.

This tentative list does not preclude the organization of an alumni unit in any other parish where there is an expressed desire on the part of local alumni for an organization. As a matter of fact, any expressed desire on the part of our alumni anywhere is welcomed, and the alumni secretary will do everything possible to assist in the formation of a unit.

The local alumni unit gives alumni an opportunity to identify themselves as a group or organization bound together by sentimental regard for their college, their pride in it, and the product it produces. It affords an opportunity to associate with other men and women who attended the same institution. They want to know them and work with them to promote the interests and welfare of their Alma Mater.

The local unit also offers an excellent opportunity for alumni and former students to work collectively and in smaller groups in securing adequate financial assistance for the operation and development of their college, to advertise and promote the good name of their Alma Mater in the local area, and to encourage high school graduates of that area to select Northwestern State as their college.

The Old Side Wheeler, the Homecoming float of the Industrial Arts Club, won second prize in the parade on October 15. Last year the Industrial Arts Club placed first with Pi Kappa Sigma coming in second. This year the Pi Kappa Sigma float nosed out the Industrial Arts for first place.

Tanner makes a nice gain through Southeastern's line as Nicosia, number 69, throws a key block that clears the way for him. Southeastern defeated the Demons to the tune of 25-13 to spoil an otherwise perfect Homecoming Day.

Alumni Unit Clinic

Presidents of parish alumni units and alumni leaders from 33 parishes were invited to be present for an Alumni Unit Clinic held in Natchitoches on October 15.

At this meeting each unit leader was given a comprehensive plan for various types of programs and suggested activities for the different units. Also presented to each of the leaders was a list of important committees each unit should have, together with an outline of the duties of each of these committees.

Since many parish units frequently request entertainment or special numbers from the College for the local meetings, a specific listing of all such entertainment that could be furnished by the College for such alumni meetings was given each leader present.

The importance of having regular meetings of the local units was stressed; and all unit presidents are requested to set the date of their next meeting and report this date to the alumni secretary.

Cupid's Doings

Miss Billie Faye Minx, ex-'47, of Shreveport, and Dr. John M. Taylor, of Ferriday, were married September 8 in Fair Park Christian Church. They will reside in Shreveport, where Dr. Taylor is resident surgeon for Charity Hospital.

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First Lt. Lillie Moore of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mr. Jack Flores, ex-'39, of Natchitoches, were married on August 27 at Castor Baptist Church.

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Miss Mary Frances Edgerton, B. S. '45, of Coushatta, and Allen Edward Van Ness, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee, were married in the First Baptist Church of Coushatta on September 3.

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Miss Jaime Camille Stovall, ex-'48, of Jonesboro, was married to Mr. Bobby R. Stadtlander, also of Jonesboro, in the Jonesboro Baptist Church on August 21.

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Miss Lucille Hanks, A. B. '49, of Benton, and Mr. Ward R. Pasini, ex-'49, of Detroit, Michigan, were married on September 3. They will reside in Norman, Oklahoma, where Mr. Pasini is attending school.

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Miss Alice Jane Dearing, ex-'46, of Mooringsport, and Mr. Thomas H. Roy of Bossier City, were married on October 8 at the Mooringsport Baptist Church. They will reside in Lubbock, Texas, where the groom is employed.

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Miss Patricia Helen Hale and Mr. James Whitfield Williamson, B. S. '49, both of Vivian, were married on September 25. They will reside in Vivian.

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Miss Mary Patricia Hughes, B. S. '49, of Natchitoches, and Mr. Edward Felix Blanchard of Georgia Plantation, Assumption Parish, were married on August 22 at Church of the Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches.

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Miss Emily Virginia Dupree, B. S. '49, of Shreveport, and Mr. Hubert Lane Joyner, also of Shreveport, were married at First Baptist Church on September 2, with Dr. M. E. Dodd, grandfather of the bride, officiating. The young couple will reside at 2517 Zeeland Avenue, Baton Rouge.

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Miss Rushia Mae Butchee, A. B. '36, of Oakdale, and Mr. Davis Cooper of Quinlan, Texas, were married in Oakdale on June 26.

Miss Margie Woodard, B. S. '49, of Ringgold, and Mr. Roy Kunce, B. S. '49, of Florien, were married at the First Methodist Church of Natchitoches on May 28.

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Miss Rachel Mouser, B. S. '49, of Stamps, Arkansas, and Mr. Claude Edward Younger, of Natchitoches, were married on June 5. The young couple reside in Natchitoches, where Mr. Younger is a student at the College and the bride is teaching music in the parish schools.

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Miss Carol Christine Boyd, ex-'49, of Shreveport, and Mr. Donald Fontenot, B. S. '49, of Ville Platte, were married on September 3 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Shreveport. They will reside in Lecompte, where Mr. Fontenot is teaching music.

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Miss Bobbie Jo Shamburger, A. B. '49, of Mooringsport, and Mr. Frank Ingram, of Leland, Mississippi, were married in Greenville, Mississippi, recently. They will make their home in Selma, Tennessee.

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Miss Mamie Melton, B. S. '49, of Winnfield, and Mr. W. R. Younger, Jr., of Natchitoches, were married on June 11. Mr. Younger is a student at the College, and Mrs. Younger is serving as assistant dietitian in the Student Center on the campus.

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Miss Hazel Simpson, B. S. '49, of Natchitoches, and Mr. William Andrew Gibson, also of Natchitoches, were married on October 1 at Highland Baptist Church in Shreveport. Mr. Gibson is employed in Natchitoches, and the bride is a member of the Many High School faculty.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Willis of 213 Point Street, Houma, have announced the arrival of a son, Bruce Tinsley, on September 27. Mr. Willis, B. S. '47, is a member of the Terrebonne High School faculty.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fallon Weldon, 524 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona, are the proud parents of a son, Penn Joseph, who was born on May 19. Mrs. Weldon is the former Ida Mary Ragan, B. S. '45, of Thibodaux.

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Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walters (Rita Shaw, ex-'49) have announced the arrival of a lovely daughter, Judith Carol, at Elizabeth, on September 6. Mr. Walters is a student at the college.

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